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DANGEROUS ADVICE.

A Pittsburgh physician has made a bid for notoriety by declaring that an occasional jag is of benefit to some persons, particularly professional men, as it relieves the mental strain under which they were laboring and helps them to meet the demands of business more successfully. The doctor says that the advice is not suited to all classes of persons and that it must be taken carefully, but it is doubtful if that part of his statement will be given as much attention as the first section.

A good many persons have risen this jag seems for nervous strain, and while it seems to work well for a time, the trouble is that the remedy is likely to prove worse than the disease.

It is dangerous to offer suggestions of that sort in a public way. Drugs will also relieve mental strain, but the person who becomes dependent on them is worse off than if he had put up with his original trouble.

The only sensible remedy for undue pressure is to let up on the strain. That may involve some financial loss to those who have big interests, but it is cheaper in the end than to become broken down, or to become a slave to stimulants and finally become unqualified for business. Physicians sometimes have to use dangerous remedies in meeting imperative needs, but as a rule they do not give advice in a public manner that has so unpleasant possibilities attached as is involved in the Pittsburgh man's statement.

The New York Times says of the Senate bill introduced in the currency bill: "To remove all competitive tests in the selection of the great army of employees authorized by this bill is simply to expose them to the greed of the politicians and to provide for the building up of an immense political and party machine. The action taken by the Senate is, unfortunately, of a piece with its action in regard to the amendment to be made in connection with the income tax. It is a further effort to get back to the mercenary spoils system of 30 years ago. From the point of view of the public interest it is a blunder that is almost worse than a crime. It is no less a blunder from the point of view of party expediency, for it will surely bring discredit, scandal and popular condemnation."

Senator Root of New York is optimistic in declaring that he would not accept the Republican nomination for the presidency. Mr. Root is unquestionably one of the most brilliant men in the country. Col. Roosevelt rated him as the greatest American statesman of the age. Mr. Root declines to be a candidate on the ground that he is too old. We have always been of the opinion that when Col. Roosevelt and other Republicans pushed Secretary Taft along as a presidential candidate they passed by Mr. Root for the reason that in the years previous to his entrance into politics he was allied with the big corporate interests, and that his connection with these interests would have made a vulnerable candidate as a vote getter.

The Springfield Republican reports that the Tuberculosis Association of that city received \$100.17 from the sale of stamps Saturday. This apparently was a very satisfactory amount there. Yet Brattleboro, by a little ingenuity in the form of prizes for school children, has organized a system that in five days nets considerably over

twice as much as the city of Springfield nets annually from this sale. It's all in the system.

Brattleboro's building record for the year 1913, which is published in today's Reformer, shows that the town has been maintaining its steady growth. While the total expenditure for new construction is not so large as it was in 1911 or 1912 the falling off is due to the fact that few large structures have been erected. The bulk of the building during the past year has been of a residential nature, and the demand for homes is the best evidence in the world that Brattleboro's growth is of the substantial kind.

The Senate has passed the currency bill and it is pretty sure to go through the House with a rush. The need of some sort of currency reform has been recognized for years, and the Republicans attempted to make changes in the law, but owing to the opposition of western men to anything with which the name of Aldrich was connected they were unable to make any important changes. Banking interests of the country are almost unanimous in disapproval of the new law.

People who make it a point to keep abreast of the times will be glad to know that the Vermont Insurance Report for 1912 is now being distributed. If memory serves us aright this record is slightly better than that established in the days of Fleetwood and Denyitt.

You can still shop early—in the morning. That will help the over-worked clerks a little!

## OUR QUESTION BOX

1. What is the population of the United States, England, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Russia, China, Japan, Turkey and Ireland?—2. How many men has each of these countries in their standing army?—3. Which of the countries has the largest battleship?—4. What is the largest battleship of the United States?—5. Have any of these nations any larger battleships under construction?—6. Which of the ships carry the largest guns?

1. In the order named, 105,302,737; 396,294,752; 64,900,000; 32,531,225; 39,500,000; 32,457,253; 160,000,000; 430,211,000; 58,875,300; 35,701,875; 4,281,351.—2. Germany, 820,000; France, 800,000; Russia, 1,200,000; Great Britain, 234,500; Japan, 230,000; Spain, 135,000; Italy, 275,000; United States, limited to 100,000. 3. Japan, the Fusu, or 20,000 tons.—4. The Arkansas and Wyoming, 551 feet long.—5. We do not know.—6. The Japanese ship mentioned above, 15 inch.

1. Is there such a substance as mind, and magnet? 2. If so, what are the names of some books that will treat of some? 3. No doubt you refer to lodestone, or magnetite ore. 2. Get a book on magnetism.

In what states are the centers of population located? In New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, California and Connecticut.

1. Why was the Confederate flag called the "Stars and Bars"? 2. Which did the most to improve our country, steamships or railroads?

1. The design suggested the name, being a white bar between two red ones, and a blue union with seven stars.

2. Railroads.

## THIS KIND OF WEATHER

Strikes the man with the home warmed with ordinary heating stoves thick of a better way. The steam or hot water plant makes less work and dirt, is easier to operate and always gives an even temperature. It has so many advantages over the ancient system and is much cheaper in the long run. Let us talk it over.—W. T. Mooney, Plumbing and Heating Engineer, 8 High St.

## WOULD YOU OBJECT

If Santa Claus should bring you a handsome home-size rug for your living room, dining room or chamber? It would be a useful gift and one that would last a life time. Here you will see a wonderful display ranging from the low priced Olex to the best heavy Brussels and Royal Aubergines, Marns & Co., Clergy Bldg.

## DO IT WELL.

We take a personal pride in doing family washing and you will be surprised at the pleasing results. We want to have a trial just to convince you that we are doing the best laundry work in Brattleboro, and it won't cost a cent more than you are paying now.—Brattleboro Steam Laundry, 10 Elm street, Phone.

## IT NEEDS CANDY

To top off with Christmas day. There is not a store in Southern Vermont that has such an assortment of fresh candies as we have. We put them up in any sort of a fancy box or basket you wish and the quality compares with any on the market anywhere. Phone your order if you do not wish to spend the time to come in.—A. E. Miller, 99 Main street.

## Share Your fortune

**A**MID all the happiness and joys of the merry Christmas season think of those less fortunate—of those on whom the sun of plenty has failed to shine during the past twelve months. Think of the heart-aches that will be theirs on Christmas morning; think of the tear stained eyes of the little children weeping because Santa Claus could not call at their homes. Half of your pleasure at Christmas will be derived from making others happy, from sharing your good fortune and sowing seeds of kindness wherever you happen to be on Christmas day. Give something, be it ever so trifling, to the little child to whom Christmas otherwise would mean nothing. You can keep tears of sorrow from those eyes and brighten the day a hundredfold for yourself. Try it.

## The Christmas Spirit.

Christmas is a good institution, be it examined from any angle. The Christmas spirit is one to foster and encourage. It means unselfishness, charity, peace, liberality, good cheer, all desirable traits in themselves and all tending to make the world a better place.

While the Christmas holiday is a Christian institution in name, no one religion holds a monopoly of the Christmas spirit. It is common to all religions. It means a striving to make others happier, an effort to better conditions for mankind. It means sharing your good fortune, no matter how small the portions may be. It is the essence of the Golden Rule.

While one can do much good to others by the radiation of the Christmas spirit, the greatest good is done to oneself. No man can bestow a gift, either material or spiritual, on another without benefiting himself. He must elevate himself by the exercise of the emotions that Christmas calls forth, and this elevation must be more or less permanent. No man can be much different one day in the year from what he is the other 364 days.

So blessed be the spirit of Christmas! Exercise it during the closing days of December and you can't help but be the better for it, and you can't help but continue its benevolent influences during the months that follow.

## A CHRISTMAS DREAM.

I DREAMED a dream one Christmas eve.  
The strangest one you may believe.  
'Twas of a world dithyrambic fair.  
Beyond the blue far off, somewhere  
Tillie grief and tears were all unknown.  
Ah, where the sunbeams reigned on the throne.  
Ah, such a joyful, sublime world.  
Where sorrow's bolts were never hurled.  
Here faces glowed with poverty.  
Beside the rich in mockery.  
All equal there were each to each.  
The best within a pauper's reach.  
No suffering, crushed, down-trodden masses.  
No proud, elite or clan made classes.  
No seasons' joys for just a few.  
In this fair realm beyond the blue.  
No stalling want with piteous voice.  
No poor to feed. All had their choice  
Of that which seemed the good and good.  
All things were rightly understood.  
No broken hearts or aching pain.  
No avaricious, blood bought gain.  
No grasping, greedling, selfish greed.  
That others' welfare did not heed.  
All things were perfect as the love  
That ruled this spotless world above.

Were this sad world like to my dream  
And love ruled all its right supreme,  
Ah, where the chance for badly deeds?  
Ah, where the pang to sting their needs?  
Were such a state sublime true,  
Oh, where the good that we might do?  
Were there no faces drenched with tears,  
Were there no souls in direst fears?  
If this world knew no grief, no care,  
Could we our brother's burden share?  
Ah, love would lose much of its worth  
Were there no charity on earth.  
Perhaps, the better as it is,  
Than live in realms of perfect bliss,  
For out of evil cometh good.  
When good is right, no need  
And show we love and love and care  
And not in useless dreams somewhere.  
Uplifted from the lowest man  
And do the greatest good you can.  
Do make this world like that above.  
Controlled and swayed by Christ's love.  
Howard L. Wentworth.

## The Giving of Gifts

**I**f one is going to give a Christmas present it should be with a cheerful heart. If you can't give in this spirit do not give at all. We give presents to our friends at Christmas because they are our friends and because we derive pleasure from such giving. In the giving of Christmas presents there should be none of that spirit which suggests commercialism. There should never be any expectation of reciprocity. The giving of a Christmas present should be from the heart. The present itself counts for little. The spirit and motive which prompt the giving are all important.

## Christmas Slippers

### AT BARGAIN PRICES

We have just received another lot of sample slippers which make better bargains than ever. Worth while, isn't it, to save from 25% to 35% even on Christmas gifts?

Men's Slippers, sizes 7 to 8.  
Prices 39c, 59c, 99c  
Women's Slippers, sizes 3 1/2 to 5.  
At 39c, 59c, 79c  
Children's and Misses' Slippers,  
most all sizes, 59c

You will find us open every evening from now until Christmas  
Glad to have you call in.  
**Dunham Brothers Co.**

## A Holiday Suggestion

A frequent sight in the stores these days are the signs on the counters directing the attention of holiday shoppers to handkerchiefs, gloves and neckties, and to far more expensive gifts, the gamut ranging in price from almost nothing up to any amount of money that one may spend. Right and proper as it should be. This old world surely needs the Christmas spirit once a year to drive out the Scrooges and let in the wholesome sentiment of that lovable spendthrift nephew of his who felt satisfied if only his money had brought a ray of sunshine into other peoples' lives.

This Christmas and New Year spirit may well be applied to the work in hand. Have you ever stopped to think that the New York Life Insurance Company is in effect a great big store with a tremendous stock of goods for sale that salesmen are offering to the public with great success—that the public are buying largely?

Our stock of goods is fresh and clean, always salable, never old, never shoddy, no "bargains" are ever on our counters, and yet every policy is a bargain. The goods we sell are worth and bring one hundred cents on the dollar, there are no cut rates.

THE SALES OF THE NEW YORK LIFE HAVE AMOUNTED THUS FAR IN 1913 TO \$227,000,000 in round numbers, which is about \$30,000,000 more than the total paid insurance of the NEW YORK LIFE in the same period of last year.

Could any gift in a crisis be more sweet, more timely, more steeped in Christian charity and sentiment, more eminently practical, than a NEW YORK LIFE POLICY?

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## Christmas Poultry

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